

# CITY OF SCOTTSDALE PARKS AND RECREATION

REGULAR MEETING Minutes Approved 2/21/18
Wednesday, January 17, 2018
Chaparral Park
5401 N. Hayden Rd.
Scottsdale, AZ 85250

**PRESENT:** Todd Davis, Chair, Sherry Woodley, Vice Chair, Commissioners Michael

Auerbach, Virginia Harris, Kurt Jones, Fred Klein, and Jason Watton

**STAFF:** Reed Pryor, Director; Managers Denise Clayton, Terry Erickson, Brett Jackson,

Kira Peters, Jody Pierce, and Chris Walsh; Yvonne Massman, Natural Resources Coordinator; and Stephanie Tippett, Operations Supervisor

## **Call to Order**

Chairperson Davis called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

## **Moment of Silence**

Commissioners observed a moment of silence

#### Roll Call

Members present as listed above.

#### **Public Comment**

There were no members of the public who wished to speak.

## Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting – December 20, 2017

Commissioner Klein noted that his comment on page 2 should read "fees and charges items" rather than "CIP items."

COMMISSIONER JONES MOVED TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 20, 2017 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES AS AMENDED. VICE-CHAIR WOODLEY SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A VOTE OF SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0).

## **Election of Officers**

Reed Pryor, Director, reviewed the responsibilities of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.

VICE-CHAIR WOODLEY NOMINATED TODD DAVIS TO CONTINUE IN HIS POSITION AS CHAIR. COMMISSIONER AUERBACH SECONDED THE NOMINATION, WHICH CARRIED BY A VOTE OF SIX (6) TO ZERO (0).

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COMMISSIONER HARRIS NOMINATED SHERRY WOODLEY TO CONTINUE IN THE POSITION OF VICE CHAIR.

COMMISSIONER JONES NOMINATED MICHAEL AUERBACH FOR THE POSITION OF VICE CHAIR.

SHERRY WOODLEY WAS ELECTED TO CONTINUE IN THE POSITION OF VICE CHAIR BY A VOTE OF FOUR (4) TO ZERO (3).

# Approval of the Parks and Recreation Commission 2017 Annual Report

Reed Pryor, Director, reviewed the 2017 Annual Report.

Commissioner Klein said he would like to see a discussion about the inadequate parking at Scottsdale Stadium.

Commissioner Harris suggested that strategic marketing be included under "upcoming opportunities, challenges, and outcomes."

Chair Davis requested that continuing the use and care of facilities reporting be included under the "opportunities" section. He said it would be helpful to Commissioners if a staff liaison could be assigned to help with outreach opportunities and to answer questions as they arise. He would like for the Commission to continue to be educated on the effects of the flat budget on programs and facilities.

COMMISSIONER HARRIS MOVED TO APPROVE THE 2017 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT AS AMENDED. COMMISSIONER WATTON SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A VOTE OF SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0).

## **Annual Bylaws Review**

Director Pryor reviewed the Bylaws, noting that are no recommended amendments at this time.

COMMISSIONER WATTON MOVED TO APPROVE THE BYLAWS AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER KLEIN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY VOTE OF SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0).

## Parks and Recreation Fees and Charges

Director Pryor noted that there were no changes to the fees and charges since December.

COMMISSIONER KLEIN MOVED THAT THE COMMISSION VOTE ON ALL FEES AND CHARGES ITEMS AT ONE TIME. COMMISSIONER WATTON SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A VOTE OF SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0).

Director Pryor said that there will be one fee classification for ramada rentals and the resident rate will increase by 25 percent, which will bring residential in line with commercial rates. Initially, there is an anticipated \$85,000 loss in revenue. In an effort to offset losses, twice-a-day ramada rentals and adding neighborhood ramadas to the rental listing are being considered.

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Stephanie Tippett, Operations Supervisor, discussed the fees and charges and booking recommendations for ramadas.

Commissioners expressed interest in having a detailed presentation on neighborhood park ramada rentals before they are included in the rental system.

COMMISSIONER HARRIS MOVED TO INSTITUTE ONE FEE CLASSIFICATION FOR RAMADA RENTALS, TO INCLUDE THE ELIMINATION OF NON-RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL RATES, INCREASING THE RESIDENT RATE BY 25 PERCENT. COMMISSIONER KLEIN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY VOTE OF SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0).

Director Pryor noted that no action is required for the field use structure, leisure education rates, or sponsored team aquatics fees. Sponsored teams and contracted teams will operate with a non-resident participation fee, which is anticipated to generate an additional \$14,000 in revenue.

COMMISSIONER KLEIN MOVED TO APPROVE STAFF FACILITY FEE RECOMMENDATIONS. COMMISSIONER HARRIS SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A VOTE OF SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0).

# **Photography Permitting at Pinnacle Peak**

Yvonne Massman, Natural Resources Coordinator, gave an update on the photography permitting and restrictions at Pinnacle Peak. The permitting process and daily fees will mirror those of parks in Scottsdale, with the exception of the annual fee, which will not be offered to photographers using Pinnacle Peak. Daily permits will be issued for photographers at Pinnacle Peak at a cost of \$120. Sandwich boards have been placed in an effort to educate professional photographers about the permitting requirement.

Discussion ensued about the difference between personal photography and professional photography. Ms. Massman explained that professional photography occurs when someone is receiving compensation for their work.

## **Commissioners Report**

Commissioner Watton requested an update on bicycle rentals and the Capital Improvement Projects process. Director Pryor gave a brief update on the situation with bicycle rentals and the steps the City's transportation department is taking to address issues with the rental companies. He is hoping that it will be possible to work with the companies so that they can move their property in accordance with the City's mowing and irrigation schedules. Parks and Recreation is maintaining a database to track citizen complaints. Chair Davis suggested that issues be shared with the Paths and Trails Subcommittee.

Director Pryor said that he will report to the Commission on park issues as they are approved by the Capital Improvement Projects Subcommittee.

Vice-Chair Woodley had positive comments about her recent experiences at the Chaparral Park Off-leash Dog Park.

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Chair Davis expressed interest in the developing plans for Vista del Camino Park. Director Pryor said that an RFQ is being developed for design and redevelopment of the lakes and wash area, including the Vista dog park and possible lake uses. The Parks and Recreation Commission will be consulted as the process moves forward. Realistically, construction could begin in two to three years.

Commissioner Auerbach congratulated staff on the work done to the sand volleyball court. He wanted to make sure that Sean's supervisors are aware of the excellent work that he has done.

## **Manager Updates and Director's Report of Current Events**

Director Pryor announced that Paws in the Park is scheduled for Saturday, January 20th at Chaparral Off-leash Activity Area from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Parada del Sol is scheduled for February 10th and Parks and Recreation Commissioners are invited to ride on the Human Services float.

Scottsdale Ranch Park will host Picnic in the Park on February 24th from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Commissioners are invited to volunteer at the event.

Commissioners are also invited to attend the Scottsdale Ranch Playground ribbon cutting. Director Pryor noted that grant funds from the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community covered \$262,000.

Consideration is being given to sending Commissioners to the March 7th Spring Training Game in lieu of a Commission meeting.

Aquatic sponsored teams will present during the March 21st PRC meeting.

The April 18th meeting will include an update on the north area parks.

April, May, and June meetings will include a Spring Training update and a work study to discuss FY 2018/19 priorities.

Chris Walsh, Manager, gave a brief update on the Waste Management Golf Tournament preparation. An additional 700 seats are being added behind the 18th hole and it is hoped that El Rancho on the 12th hole will aid in dissipating the crowd. The Birds Nest has a strong lineup of entertainment. Anyone with a City identification badge is offered free attendance for themselves and a friend each day of the tournament.

#### Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

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